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For : METHOD OF IMPROVEMENT OF TOUGHNESS OF HEAT AFFECTED

ZONE AT WELDED JOINT OF STEEL PLATE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I hereby certify this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the Office electronic filing system on July 2, 2009.

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

## SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment/Response in the above-identified patent application.

[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	minus	20	0	52.00	.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	3	0	220.00	.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					390.00	.00
TOTAL						.00
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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- [X] A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and Deposit Account authorization to cover the extension fee are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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